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USGS to Join Lewis and Clark at the Falls of the Ohio Celebration

The U.S. Geological Survey, an organizational successor to the Lewis and Clark Expedition, will join in the national observance, October 14-26, of the 200th anniversary of Lewis and Clark's 1803 meeting at the Falls of the Ohio. The USGS exposition tent on the Great Lawn in downtown Louisville will convey the USGS legacy of surveying our natural heritage, 200 years after Lewis and Clark.

The USGS was established by an act of Congress on March 3, 1879, to conduct systematic and scientific classification of the public lands. Since 1879, the research and fact-finding role of the USGS has evolved to meet the changing needs of the Nation.

Activities at the USGS tent will include demonstrations of how Lewis and Clark made measurements with equipment available in the 1800s in comparison to the technology used by USGS today. The exhibit will also include Lewis and Clark's map route from St. Louis, Missouri to Ft. Clatsop, Oregon; a current USGS map of the same route; old and current surveying and scientific equipment used for map making, geology, and water resources; and "then and now" pictures of USGS employees conducting field work. Additionally, there will be water games and activities for children of all ages.

The Tent of Many Voices venue will host several USGS speakers. On Tuesday, October 14, Dale Blevins, USGS Bicentennial Coordinator, will give a presentation at 1:00 p.m. on "William Clark as Hydrologist." On Saturday, October 18, John Moody, a hydrologist from Denver, Co., will give a presentation at 10:00 a.m. on "Lewis and Clark's Observations of River Characteristics and 200 Years of Changes." And on Saturday, October 25, Jim Stewart, USGS District Chief from Indianapolis, Ind., will give a presentation at 12:30 p.m. on "William Clark as Hydrologist." Retired USGS employee and story-song singer, Cecil Williams, aka, Panhandle Slim, will perform "The Legend of Ben York" on the Falls Stage on Wednesday, October 15, at 10:00 a.m.

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